GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5075
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CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS OF WATER RESOURCES
RAMJI LAL SUMAN;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee of the Ministers of Water Resourcesof various States was constituted in the last meeting of National Water Resources Council;

(b) if so, the details of the participating States;

(c) whether the committee is likely to complete its work within a prescribed time limit; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the committee is likely to complete its work?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. During the last (4th) meeting of National Water Resources Council held on7th July, 2000 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, a Working Group of Irrigation/Water Resources Ministers of all the States/Union Territories under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Union Minister of Water Resources was constituted for examining and achieving greater convergence and agreement on the areas where differences existed on the draft updated National Water Policy.

(c) & (d) The completion of the work by the Working Group depends on the States/ Union Territories to adopt a pragmatic view and arrive at a consensus on the areas where differences exist on the provisions of the draft updated National Water Policy. As such, no time frame can be prescribed for the completion of the work of the Working Group.